of the recently concluded BCCI Cricket Matches, telecast on DD-National and DD-Sports, in violation of the rights vested in Doordarshan, all TV channels were advised by Prasar Bharati through an advertisement in the Press to refrain from breach of the rights vested in Doordarshan, failing which Doordarshan will be constrained to initiate appropriate legal proceeding against the offending channels.

Employees in Prasar Bharati

1339. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees working in Prasar Bharati;

(b) out of the above, how many employees are engineers and how many are technical and non-technical and programmers in editorial team; and

(c) the total percentage of revenue spent to the staff of Prasar Bharati, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) Prasar Bharati has informed the total number of employees in Prasar Bharati and their category-wise break-up as follows:

	Prog	Engg	Admn	News	Total
AIR	4172	5266	9547	360	19345
DD	3767	12162	5684	170	21783
Total	7939	17428	15231	530	41128

The percentage of revenue spent on salaries etc. of the staff is 41.28% in Doordarshan and 20.25% in AIR.

Rural channels

1340. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan has decided to launch 1,000 rural chanels in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Doordarshan and the All India Radio would cease to get special treatment as far as service tax is concerned;

(c) whether Government have decided that the Doordarshan would launch 24 hour channels;

(d) if so, whether DD has urged Government to provide funds for the purpose and also made a presentation to the Agriculture Ministry and has sent the proposal to Planning Commission; and

(e) if so, by when the DD is likely to launch these channels in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (e) Prasar Bharati has informed that Doordarshan has offered to Agriculture Miniistry, to avail of its facilities in Doordarshan and All India Radio, for transmission of programmes of local importance and participation for the benefit of farming community, on agriculture and allied subjects for accelerating the process of national development. There is, however, no proposal to launch a separate channel for this purpose.

Remix of old film songs

†1341. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the buinsess of remix of old film songs is in full swing these days;

(b) whether it is also a fact that very decency and art of the beautiful and melodious songs are lost in this process; and

(c) if so, whether any legislation would be enacted by Government to check this trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) A number of remix albums are reported to be shown on the cable television network. Laws already exist to regulate public exhibition of indecent content *viz.* the Cable Television Networks Act 1995 and the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.